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Update Regarding COVID-19 Emergency Measures for Licensees

Linthicum, MD – The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) is providing this bulletin to update licensees on various regulatory requirements and operational best practices at licensed facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Face Covering Requirement

The State requirements for face coverings were updated effective May 15, 2021 pursuant to [Executive Order 21-05-14-01](#). In accordance with the Order, dispensaries must continue to require face coverings, and follow the guidance outlined in [Bulletin 2020-012](#).

Face coverings are no longer required for grower and processor facilities, unless otherwise required by the local jurisdiction. Private businesses and workplaces are free to put in place their own policies or guidance, and face coverings are encouraged for individuals who have not received a COVID-19 vaccination.

Social Distancing

Licensees are encouraged to continue enforcement of the social distancing measures outlined in [Bulletin 2020-008](#), and if applicable:

- Indicate where any line is expected to form and designate spacing to ensure individuals are standing at least six feet apart.
- Maintain clean restrooms stocked with soap or hand sanitizer and allow staff to wash their hands at least once every 30 minutes.
- Post a sign at each entrance indicating that all customers are required to wear a face covering prior to entering the establishment.

Patient Attestation

On March 17, 2020, the MMCC issued [Bulletin 2020-008](#), which among other things, suspended the patient attestation requirement. Effective May 21, 2021, **the patient attestation requirement is reinstated**. Each dispensary must resume collecting patient attestations, pursuant to COMAR 10.62.30.05.

Other COVID-19 Measures

All other COVID-19 measures are still in effect and will remain in effect until further notice.

This means:

- The use of telehealth in accordance with [Bulletin 2020-011](#) is permitted.
- On-site delivery may continue to be conducted in accordance with [Bulletin 2020-006](#).
- Suspension of the patient signature requirement, the use of “sniff jars,” and deli-style sales remain in effect.

All bulletins previously issued by the MMCC are available for reference: [Bulletin 2020-005](#), [Bulletin 2020-006](#), [Bulletin 2020-007](#), and [Bulletin 2020-008](#), [Bulletin 2020-010](#), [Bulletin 2020-011](#), and [Bulletin 2020-012](#).

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